**Hello Renton School District High School Seniors,**

Our club members are proud to announce that this year we will be awarding up to eight scholarships in the amount of $3,000 each to high school seniors with a passion for service and who are committed to pursuing post-secondary education in 2025-2026. Up to two students from each of the four high schools in the Renton School District and currently enrolled at Albert Talley Sr. High, Hazen High, Lindbergh High, or Renton High, will be awarded one of the $3,000 scholarships.

*The Rotary Club of Renton is a service-oriented club dedicated to helping people in need locally and internationally, and thus service is an important criterion in our selection process.*

The complete list of criteria for selecting scholarship winners is as follows:

* + Strong academic achievement/improvement
  + Post-high school educational plans
  + School involvement, extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports
  + Community involvement / volunteer work
  + Flexibility/overcoming obstacles
  + Ability to express oneself in writing, through the application essay, and in person for those who are invited to a personal interview.
  + Financial need

**Applications:** You may access the application form at www.rentonrotary.org. In addition to the completed form, you will need a copy of your official transcript from the Counseling Office, as well as two letters of recommendation (at least one must be from a teacher, the other may come from different members of the community who are familiar with your capacity for service and your leadership qualities). Submit your completed application with attachments, in an email with the subject line of ***Rotary Scholarship Application*** to

[RentonRotaryScholarships@gmail.com](mailto:RentonRotaryScholarships@gmail.com).

Dates to remember:

Monday, March 17th: Completed applications due

Week of April 21st: Finalists will be interviewed.

Thursday, May 22nd: Awards luncheon, Fairwood Golf and Country Club 12:00-1:30 PM

The Scholarship Committee members will only consider complete applications that have the essay and both the academic transcript and two letters of recommendation at the time of email submission. No handwritten applications will be accepted, and no additional documents will be reviewed.

On behalf of all Renton Rotarians, and the Scholarship Committee in particular, I extend to you our best wishes for tremendous success in your educational pursuits and your engagement in this scholarship application process.

Warm regards,

Larry Warren

Scholarship Committee Chair

**2025 Renton Rotary Scholarship Application Form**

Community service minded high school seniors, eligible for acceptance at an accredited college, university, or vocational post-secondary program, who wish to be considered for first year supplemental financing ($3,000) must supply all the information requested.

**Be sure to answer all questions, along with your essay. Attach your transcript and letters of recommendation and email your complete application to RentonRotaryScholarships@gmail.com**

**STUDENT DATA**

Full Name:

High School Name:

Telephone:

Email:

**I: SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND GRADES**

1. Number of years you have attended school in the Renton School District:
2. Accumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.). (Grades 9 through 12):

**II: HIGHER EDUCATION PLANS**

1. What college/university/technical school do you plan to attend?
   1. First Choice:
   2. Second Choice:
2. What are you considering for your college major or field of study? Discuss ways this choice may equip you to serve the community.

**III: SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS**

1. List the extra-curricular activities you participated in during high school (in and outside of school):
2. List any awards or special achievements you earned during high school:

**IV: COMMUNITY SERVICE AND RECOGNITION**

1. Name the activities and number of hours spent on each project specifically related to community service in which you are participating/have participated:
2. Note any special awards or recognition for community service.

**V: CHALLENGES OVERCOME**

1. Describe any challenges you or your family have faced and how you worked to overcome them (you may elaborate more in your essay).

**VI: ESSAY**

Please describe:

* Your commitment to and passion for helping others.
* Your gifts and talents for modeling Service Above Self in the community/world.
* Your vision for improving the world through your personal attributes and the post-secondary education you are pursuing.

**VII: FINANCIALS**

1. Tell us about your family situation as it relates to financial need including, but not limited to, the number of dependent children in your family, number of dependent children attending college next year, loss of employment, etc.
2. Describe how you will finance your education (with and without this scholarship):

**Recommendation for 2025 Rotary Scholarship**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please return your Letter of Recommendation to the student named above so it may be included with the student’s scholarship application. Completed applications are due to Renton Rotary by March 17th, 2025.

**Guidelines for Writing Letter of Recommendation:**

Please indicate your relationship with the student: teacher, counselor, neighbor, employer, fellow volunteer, etc.

We are especially interested in your view of the student’s personal attributes.

Beyond grades and awards that the student will have already noted, tell us your assessment of applicant’s behavior and character related to the attributes below and any others you feel will help us in evaluating this student’s application. We would also like to know the qualities you see that suggest this student has a passion for service.

* **Understanding of Others in Addition to Self:** has shown the ability to perceive needs of others and help when appropriate.
* **Ability to Lead Others:** shows motivation, dependability, and resourcefulness to organize self and others to address work that needs to be done.
* **Flexibility:** can be counted on to work within a team, is able to contribute to the overall sense of purpose and belonging for all.
* **Unbiased Thinking:** demonstrates racial and cultural sensitivity, responds in a fair way toward others and can gather information and use it in an unbiased manner when called upon to make decisions for the mutual benefit of all.